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ON PLANET ZULCAN, OF THE STAR-SUN ALPHA CENTURI, A HUGE SPACESHIP FROM ALLIED SOLAR ENTERPRISES BRAKES TO A STOP AND..

YOUR CARGO WILL BE UNLOADED AND CRAFT REFUELED FOR THE RETURN JOURNEY IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, PILOT COLLINS!
THANKS! THAT GIVES ME TIME TO DO A LITTLE EXPLORING-- THIS IS MY FIRST MISSION TO YOUR PLANET!
RISES

HOURS LATER, A NERVOUS ZULCANITE GUIDE PLEADS WITH THE PILOT...

FEW... IF ANY... HAVE VENTURED INTO THIS REMOTE AREA! PLEASE-- LET US RETURN-- I AM UNAWARE OF THE DANGERS THAT LURK HERE...
THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SO EXCITING, EBBA... HEY! WHAT'S THAT...?

WRECKAGE... OF A SPACESHIP NAMED THE COSMOS! THE CORROSION INDICATES IT MUST HAVE CRASHED LONG AGO!
LOOK! WHAT'S THAT STRANGE OBJECT? AND THERE ON THE GROUND BESIDE IT-- A RAY GUN!
COSMOS

STRANGE LITTLE DEVICE, EH, EBBA? WONDER WHAT ITS FUNCTION WAS IN THE OLD DAYS?
PRIMITIVE, I EXPECT! NOW, PLEASE, MY FRIEND-- MAY WE LEAVE?

WHY NOT? I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF REAL SOUVENIRS FROM ZULCAN-- AN OLD RAY GUN AND A MYSTERIOUS GADGET! WONDER IF THE BOYS BACK HOME WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY IT?

AND WHEN PILOT COLLINS RETURNS "BACK HOME" TO THE SPACEPORT OF ALLIED SOLAR ENTERPRISES ON THE PLANET JUPITER...
WELL, WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THE CRAZY THING, BOYS?
BEATS ME, PAL-- HUH? I TRIGGERED A HIDDEN CATCH-- WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHRRRRR
SUDDENLY...
H-HEY--LOOK! THE GADGET'S COMING TO "LIFE"... BEGINNING TO SOUND OFF LOUD...
DITCH IT-- FAST! IT MIGHT BE A-A BOMB OR SOMETHING!
WHRRRRRR
IT'S... FLIPPED ITS LID! SOMETHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN...
WHRRRRR
W-WHAT'S THAT... BILLOWING FORTH FROM THE OPENING?
GASEOUS PUFFS OF SOME KIND! AND... THEY'RE BEGINNING TO TAKE FORM... MATERIALIZE!
A-A HORDE OF FANTASTIC BEINGS... TEARING UP THE RUNWAY! BLAST THEM!
OUR SHOTS... THEY'RE BOUNCING OFF THEIR BODIES! THOSE BEINGS ARE... INVINCIBLE!
ZAP
ZAP
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MINUTES LATER, IN THE COMMUNICATIONS ROOM OF ALLIED SOLAR ENTERPRISES ON MARS, RICK STARR AND HIS SECRETARY, MYRA, LISTEN TENSELY AS..
IT'S FANTASTIC! NOW, THE HOSTILE BEINGS ARE DEMOLISHING THE TERMINAL BUILDING... LUCKILY, PEOPLE WERE EVACUATED IN TIME...
OH, RICK... HOW TERRIBLE! WHAT CAN IT ALL MEAN?
THAT'S A QUESTION I'M GOING TO ANSWER... AS SPACE RANGER! HOLD THE FORT HERE, MYRA!
SHORTLY, ON ONE OF THE THOUSANDS OF ASTEROIDS BETWEEN MARS AND JUPITER, A SECTION OF ROCK SLIDES OPEN TO REVEAL THE CLEVERLY DISGUISED HIDEOUT OF SPACE RANGER -- GUARDIAN OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM!
AND INSIDE, AFTER RICK DONS HIS FAMOUS COSTUME AND CONSULTS HIS ODD LITTLE ASSISTANT, CRYLL...
WHAT'S THE LATEST NEWS FROM JUPITER, CRYLL?
SOUNDS REAL WEIRD... BUT THOSE INVINCIBLE BEINGS DUG FOR ORE BENEATH THE BUILDINGS THEY DESTROYED! NOW, THEY'RE PROCESSING THE ORE AND BUILDING STRANGE STRUCTURES!
UNDER FULL THRUST, THE SOLAR KING STREAKS THROUGH THE BLACK VOID OF SPACE -- UNTIL FINALLY...
SPACE RANGER -- THIS IS A NIGHTMARE! WHAT ARE THOSE BIZARRE BEINGS UP TO?
I-I DON'T KNOW, CRYLL -- BUT THEIR ZANY ACTIONS ARE ENDANGERING THE POPULATION! LOOK!
WHRRRRR
ALLIED SOLAR ENTERPRISES
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THOSE BEINGS... DIGGING BENEATH THE BUILDING... THEY'VE WEAKENED THE FOUNDATION! THE BUILDING'S CAVING IN!
AND THE JOVIANS ON THE ROOF WILL PLUMMET TO THEIR DOOM... UNLESS...
WHRRRR
SPACE RANGER'S HAND QUICKLY PULLS A CONTROL LEVER, AND...
OUR CARGO TOW NET--YOU'VE RELEASED IT! BUT WHY?
NO TIME TO EXPLAIN;- STANDBY FOR SOME DEFT SPACESHIP MANEUVERING, CRYLL!
NOW, I CATCH ON! YOU'RE TRYING TO BAG THOSE PLUMMETING JOVIANS!
TIMING... SPEED'S GOT TO BE PERFECT...
CRASH
YOU DID IT, SPACE RANGER -- YOU NETTED THEM ALL!
WHEW! PULL IN THE TOW LINE, CRYLL -- AND WE'LL LAND WITH OUR CARGO!
WHRRRR
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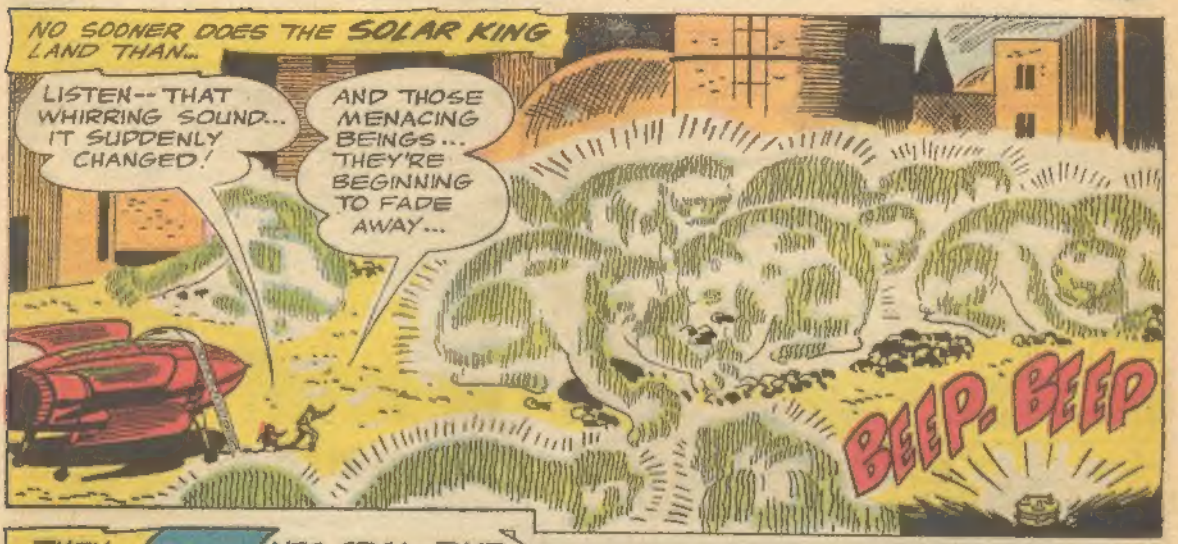
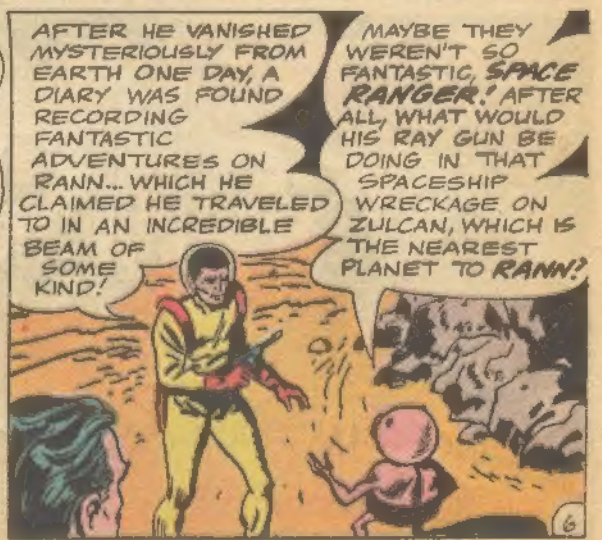

NO SOONER DOES THE SOLAR KING LAND THAN...
LISTEN--THAT WHIRRING SOUND... IT SUDDENLY CHANGED!
AND THOSE MENACING BEINGS... THEY'RE BEGINNING TO FADE AWAY...
BEEP-BEEP

THEN SUDDENLY...
THEY'VE GONE... VANISHED JUST AS THAT AWESOME SOUND STOPPED, SPACE RANGER!
YES, CRYLL--THAT MYSTERIOUS DEVICE BROUGHT THEM INTO EXISTENCE-- BUT IT ALSO GAVE THE SIGNAL FOR THEIR DISAPPEARANCE!...
LET'S FIND OUT MORE ABOUT IT...

SHORTLY, AS PILOT COLLINS IS LOCATED AMID THE CONFUSION...
"THAT'S RIGHT--I FOUND THE INFERNAL THING AMID SOME SPACESHIP WRECKAGE IN THE WILDS... ALONG WITH THIS OLD RAY PISTOL!
HMM-M... MAY I SEE IT?

LOOK, SPACE RANGER... THERE'S A NAME ENGRAVED ON THE HANDLE! "ADAM STRANGE"!
"ADAM STRANGE"... OF COURSE! HE WAS A FAMOUS EARTHMAN WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE VISITED RANN A FEW CENTURIES AGO!


AFTER HE VANISHED MYSTERIOUSLY FROM EARTH ONE DAY, A DIARY WAS FOUND RECORDING FANTASTIC ADVENTURES ON RANN... WHICH HE CLAIMED HE TRAVELED TO IN AN INCREDIBLE BEAM OF SOME KIND!
MAYBE THEY WEREN'T SO FANTASTIC, SPACE RANGER! AFTER ALL, WHAT WOULD HIS RAY GUN BE DOING IN THAT SPACESHIP WRECKAGE ON ZULCAN, WHICH IS THE NEAREST PLANET TO RANN?
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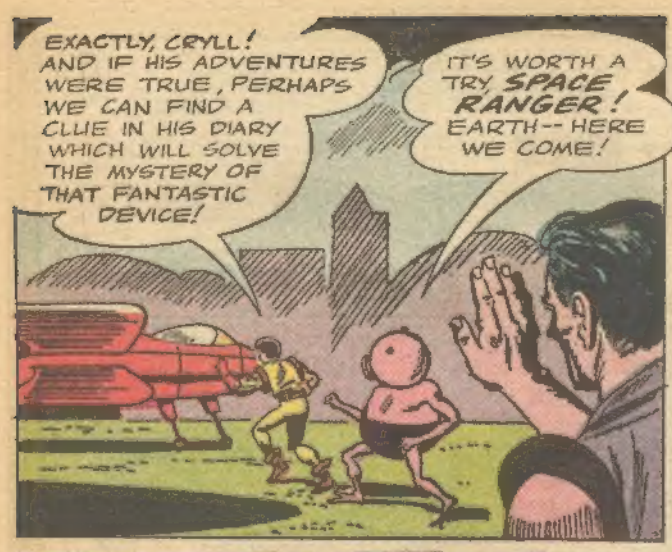
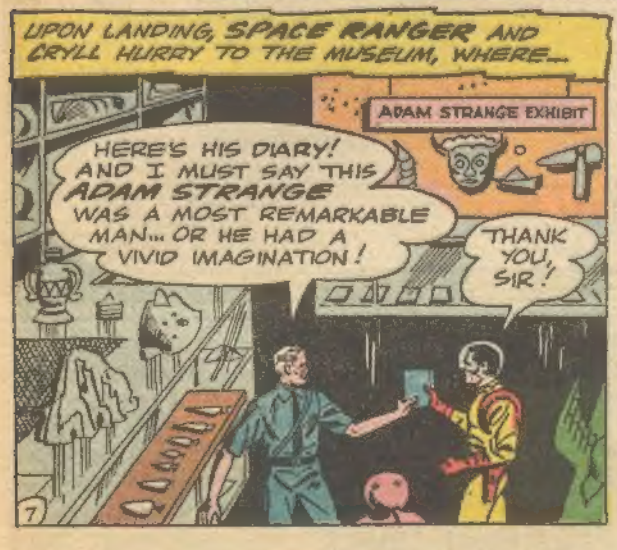

EXACTLY, CRYLL! AND IF HIS ADVENTURES WERE TRUE, PERHAPS WE CAN FIND A CLUE IN HIS DIARY WHICH WILL SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THAT FANTASTIC DEVICE!
IT'S WORTH A TRY, SPACE RANGER! EARTH -- HERE WE COME!

ALL OF ADAM STRANGE'S POSSESSIONS ARE ON DISPLAY IN A SPECIAL WING OF YORK MUSEUM, CRYLL! THAT'S WHERE WE SHOULD FIND HIS DIARY!


UPON LANDING, SPACE RANGER AND CRYLL HURRY TO THE MUSEUM, WHERE...
ADAM STRANGE EXHIBIT
HERE'S HIS DIARY! AND I MUST SAY THIS ADAM STRANGE WAS A MOST REMARKABLE MAN... OR HE HAD A VIVID IMAGINATION!
THANK YOU, SIR!
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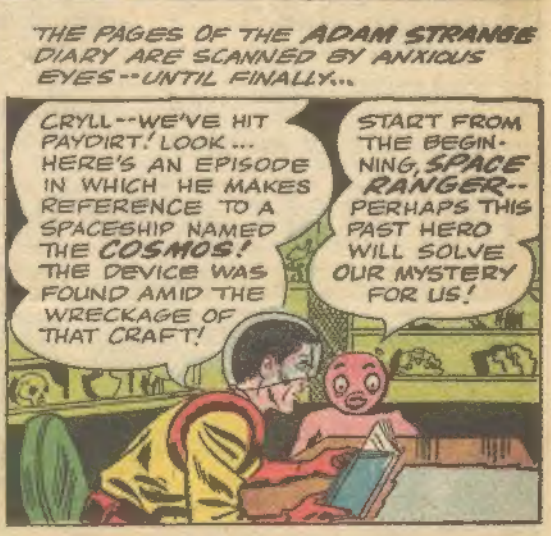
THE PAGES OF THE ADAM STRANGE DIARY ARE SCANNED BY ANXIOUS EYES -- UNTIL FINALLY...
CRYLL -- WE'VE HIT PAYDIRT! LOOK... HERE'S AN EPISODE IN WHICH HE MAKES REFERENCE TO A SPACESHIP NAMED THE COSMOS! THE DEVICE WAS FOUND AMID THE WRECKAGE OF THAT CRAFT!
START FROM THE BEGINNING, SPACE RANGER -- PERHAPS THIS PAST HERO WILL SOLVE OUR MYSTERY FOR US!

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"...I was busy at archaeological diggings in Durayna, South America, when..."
OH, OH JUST THREE HOURS BEFORE I'M DUE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE ZETA-BEAM IN MONTEVIDEO! BETTER PACK UP...
"And later, as I made my costume change on a remote Montevideo beach..."
THE ZETA-BEAM WILL HIT DIRECTLY ON THAT WRECK... TIME FOR MY COUNTDOWN... TEN.. NINE...
...THREE... TWO... ONE... ZERO!
"From across 25 trillion miles of space, the unique trans-stellar Zeta-Beam streaked to earth."
"And I was once again instantly transported to the planet Rann of the star-sun Alpha-Centaur.."
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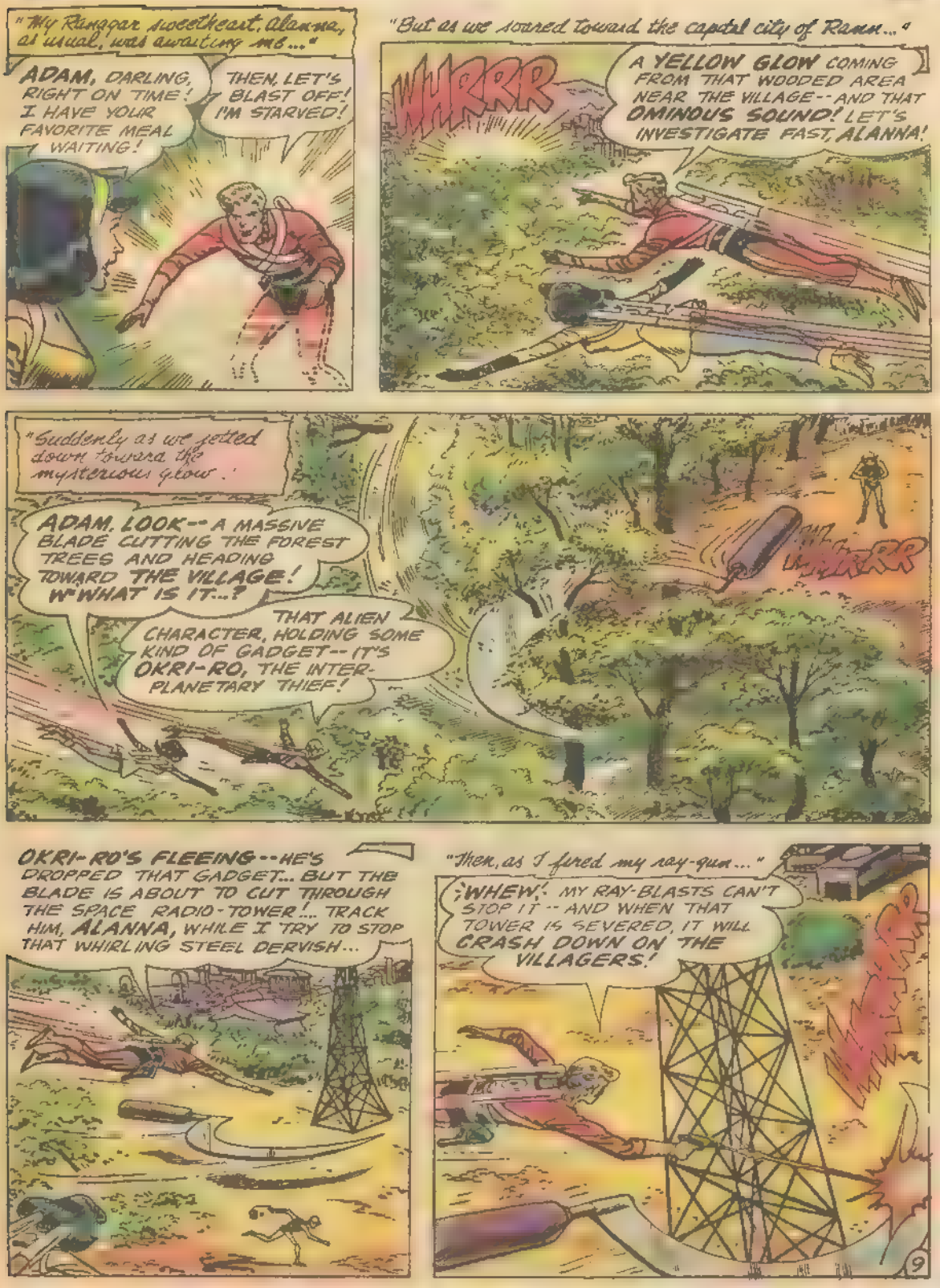
"My Rangpar sweetheart, Alanna, as usual, was awaiting me..."
ADAM, DARLING, RIGHT ON TIME! I HAVE YOUR FAVORITE MEAL WAITING!
THEN, LET'S BLAST OFF! I'M STARVED!
"But as we neared toward the capital city of Rann..."
WHRRR
A YELLOW GLOW COMING FROM THAT WOODED AREA NEAR THE VILLAGE -- AND THAT OMINOUS SOUND! LET'S INVESTIGATE FAST, ALANNA!
"Suddenly as we jetted down toward the mysterious glow..."
ADAM, LOOK -- A MASSIVE BLADE CUTTING THE FOREST TREES AND HEADING TOWARD THE VILLAGE! W'WHAT IS IT...?
THAT ALIEN CHARACTER, HOLDING SOME KIND OF GADGET -- IT'S OKRI-RO, THE INTER-PLANETARY THIEF!
WHRRR
OKRI-RO'S FLEEING -- HE'S DROPPED THAT GADGET... BUT THE BLADE IS ABOUT TO CUT THROUGH THE SPACE RADIO-TOWER!... TRACK HIM, ALANNA, WHILE I TRY TO STOP THAT WHIRLING STEEL DERVISH...
"Then, as I fired my ray-gun..."
WHEW! MY RAY-BLASTS CAN'T STOP IT -- AND WHEN THAT TOWER IS SEVERED, IT WILL CRASH DOWN ON THE VILLAGERS!
WHRRR
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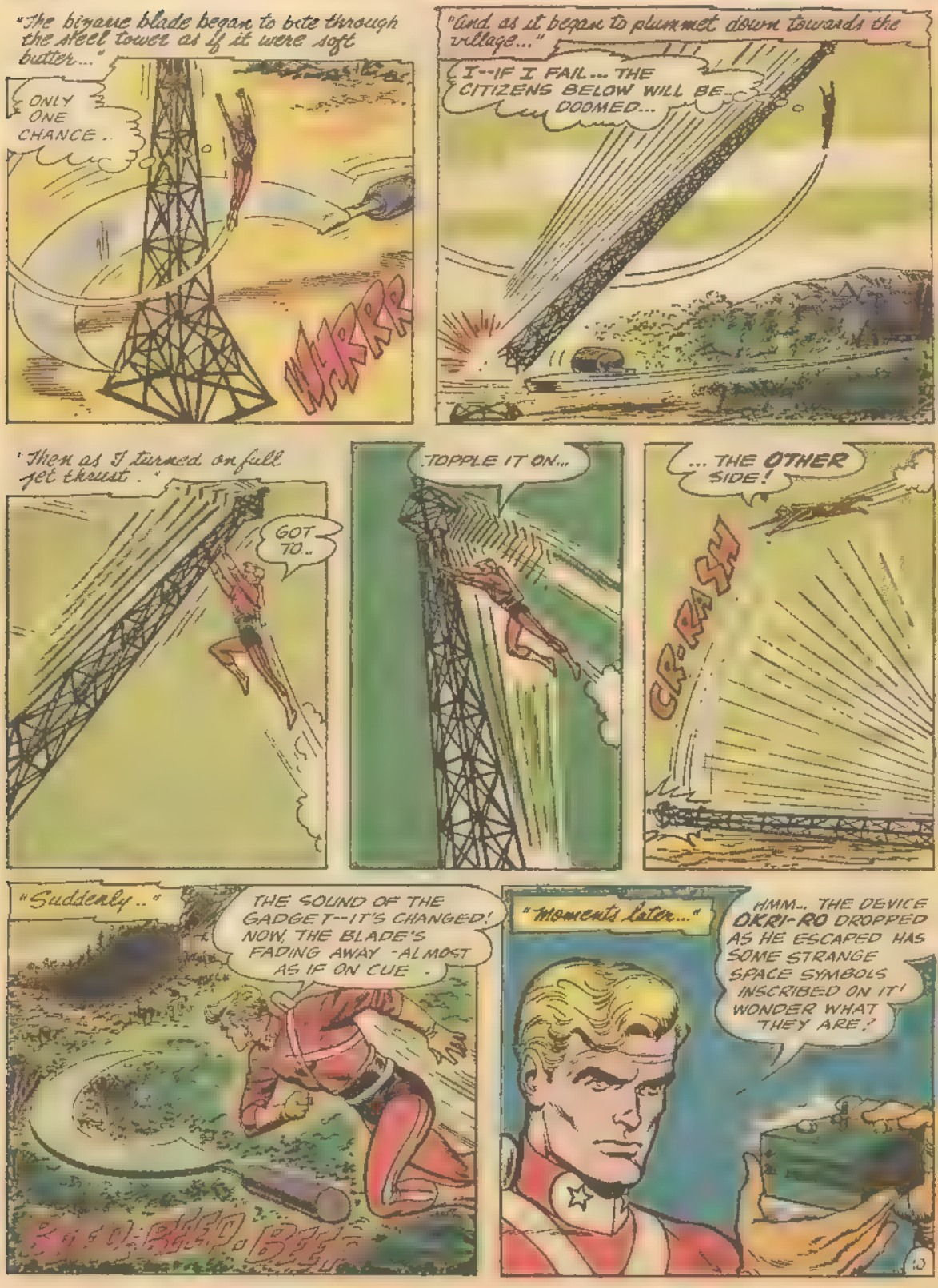
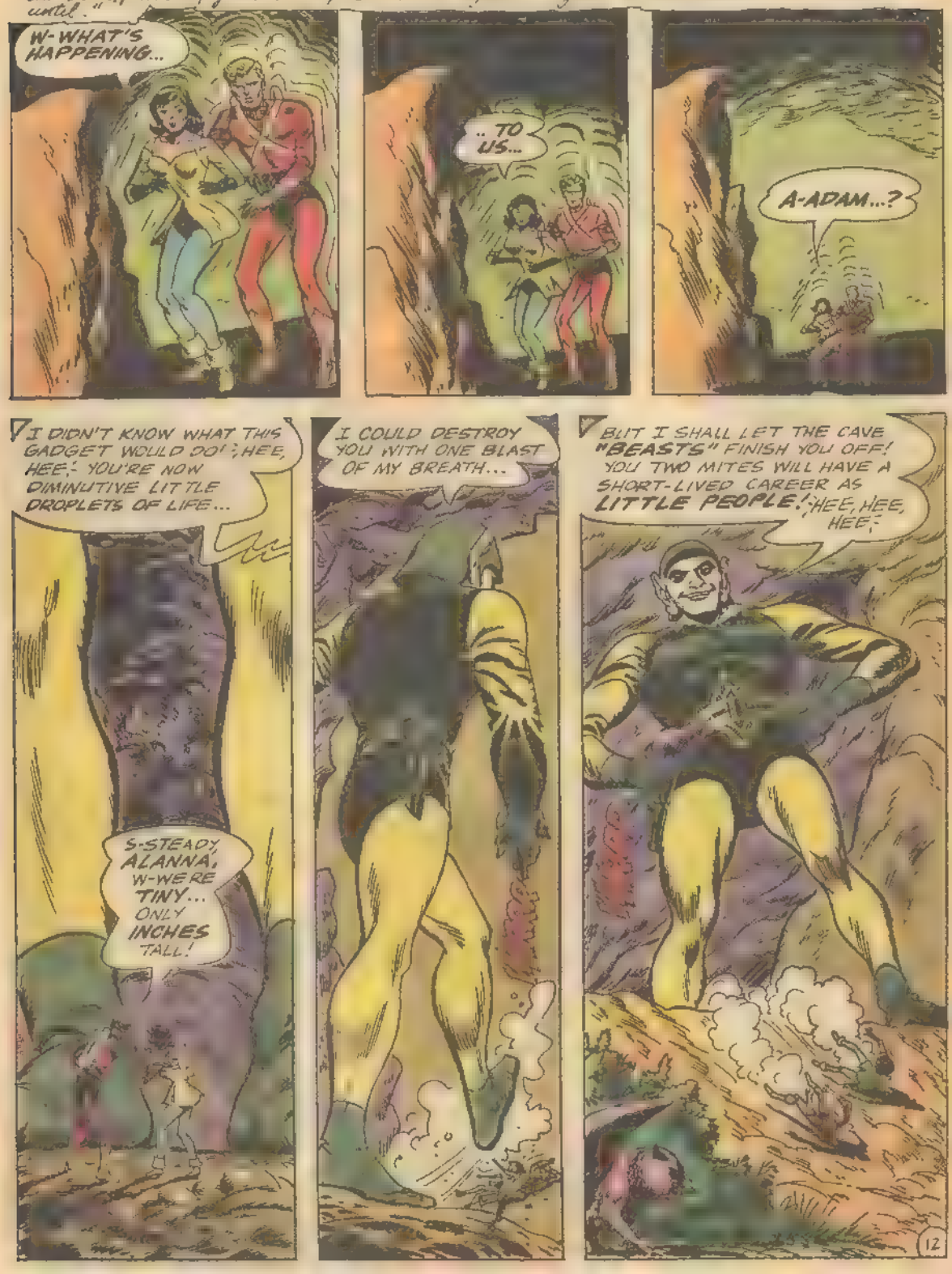

"The bizarre blade began to bite through the steel tower as if it were soft butter..."
ONLY ONE CHANCE..
WRRR
"And as it began to plummet down towards the village..."
I--IF I FAIL... THE CITIZENS BELOW WILL BE... DOOMED...
"Then as I turned on full jet thrust..."
GOT TO..
TOPPLE IT ON...
... THE OTHER SIDE!
CR-RASH
"Suddenly.."
THE SOUND OF THE GADGET--IT'S CHANGED! NOW THE BLADE'S FADING AWAY -ALMOST AS IF ON CUE.
"Moments later..."
HMM... THE DEVICE OKRI-RO DROPPED AS HE ESCAPED HAS SOME STRANGE SPACE SYMBOLS INSCRIBED ON IT! I WONDER WHAT THEY ARE?

"And after Alanna joined me..."
I TRACKED OKRI-RO TO THE RANO CAVES, ADAM-- SEEMS TO BE HIS HIDE-OUT! SAY. CAN YOU MAKE OUT THOSE SPACE SYMBOLS?
NO... BUT OKRI-RO MUST HAVE TRIGGERED THAT FANTASTIC BLADE SOMEHOW THOUGH HE LOOKED SURPRISED WHEN IT HAPPENED! PERHAPS WE'LL LEARN MORE AFTER WE CAPTURE OKRI-RO!
"We soared towards the Caves of Rano under top speed..."
THAT OMINOUS WHIRRING SOUND AGAIN-- COMING FROM THAT CAVE! IT MUST BE OKRI-RO'S HIDEOUT! LET'S PAY HIM A VISIT, ALANNA...
"When we zoomed through the cave entrance..."
H-HE'S GOT ANOTHER DEVICE, ADAM!
LOOK OUT-- HE'S SPOTTED US!
ADAM STRANGE!
QUICKLY! BEHIND THAT OUTCROPPING OF ROCK-- HE'S DIRECTING THE GADGET'S GLOW AT US!
"Then..."
T-TOO LATE.

"The warm, pulsating glow enveloped us, and tighter.. tighter it constricted our bodies, until."


W-WHAT'S HAPPENING...
..TO US...
A-ADAM...?
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THIS GADGET WOULD DO! ;HEE, HEE;- YOU'RE NOW DIMINUTIVE LITTLE DROPLETS OF LIFE...
S-STEADY, ALANNA, W-WE'RE TINY... ONLY INCHES TALL!
I COULD DESTROY YOU WITH ONE BLAST OF MY BREATH...
BUT I SHALL LET THE CAVE "BEASTS" FINISH YOU OFF! YOU TWO MITES WILL HAVE A SHORT-LIVED CAREER AS LITTLE PEOPLE! ;HEE, HEE, HEE;-

"Abruptly, a fearsome cry rang over the hillside, and..."
ADAM, A-A MONSTER!
AREEEEEE
IT'S REALLY ONLY ONE OF YOUR WINGED RANN CAVE WEASELS, ALANNA...IT LOOKS HUGE TO US NOW.. WE CAN'T OUT-FLY IT. GOT TO ACT FAST.
DOWN, ALANNA... TURN YOUR BACK TO IT! WHEN IT'S ALMOST UPON US-- TRIGGER YOUR JET BLAST!
"Even as the gigantic beast drew near..."
ARRCK
SWOOOOSH
WE'VE FRIGHTENED HIM OFF, ALANNA -- THE ANIMAL NEVER DREAMED "LITTLE FIELD MICE" LIKE US COULD SHOOT OUT FLAME...
ARRK
ARRK
NOW LET'S GET BACK INSIDE THE CAVE AND TRY TO SOLVE THE RIDDLE OF OKRI-RO'S FANTASTIC DEVICES!
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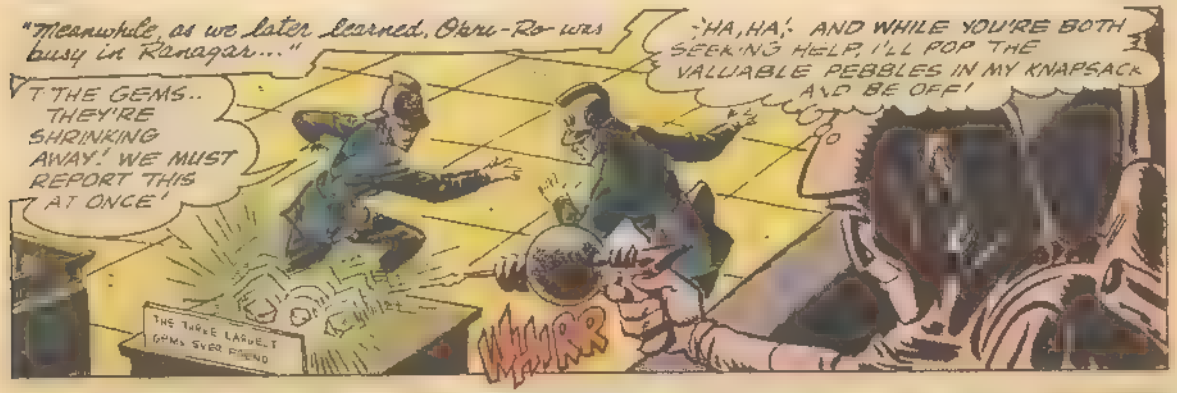
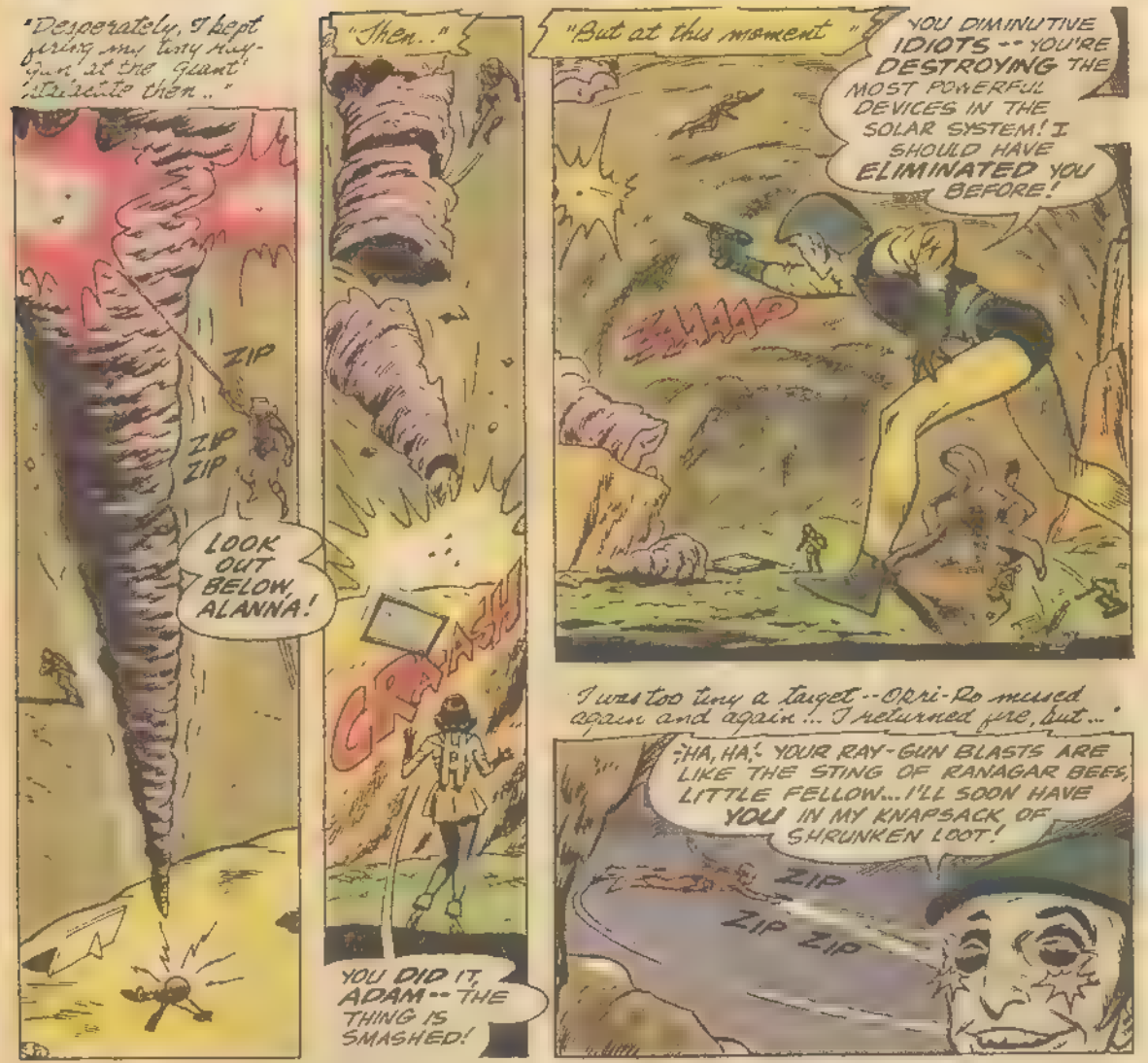

"Meanwhile, as we later learned, Okru-Ro was busy in Ranagar..."
:HA, HA!: AND WHILE YOU'RE BOTH SEEKING HELP, I'LL POP THE VALUABLE PEBBLES IN MY KNAPSACK AND BE OFF!
T THE GEMS.. THEY'RE SHRINKING AWAY! WE MUST REPORT THIS AT ONCE!
THE THREE LARGEST GEMS EVER FOUND
WHIRR

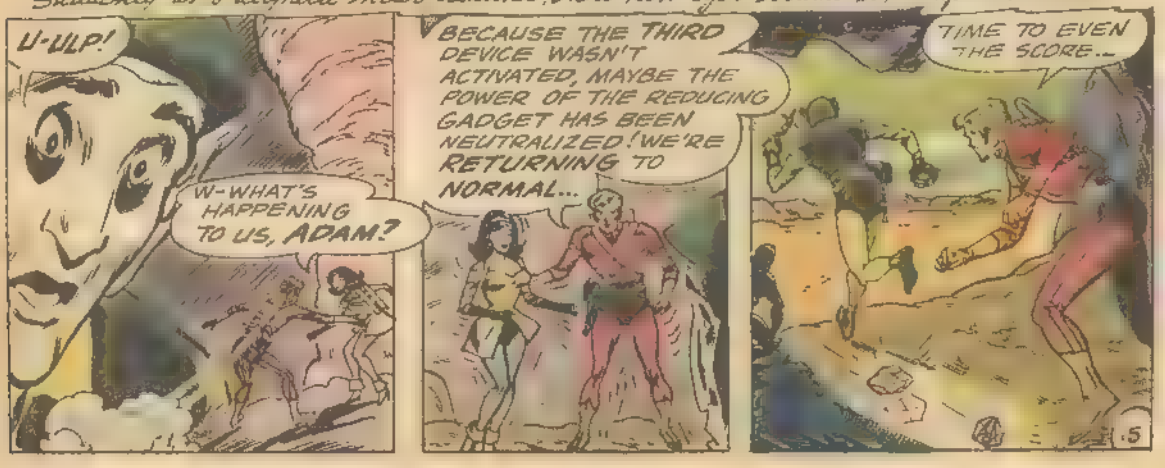
"And later at Ranar Museum..."
DOZENS OF PAINTINGS AND OBJECTS OF ART WILL FIT INTO MY KNAPSACK -- AND IF ANYONE BOTHERS ME -- POOF -- THEY BECOME RANAGAR ANTS!
:HA, HA!:
WHIRR

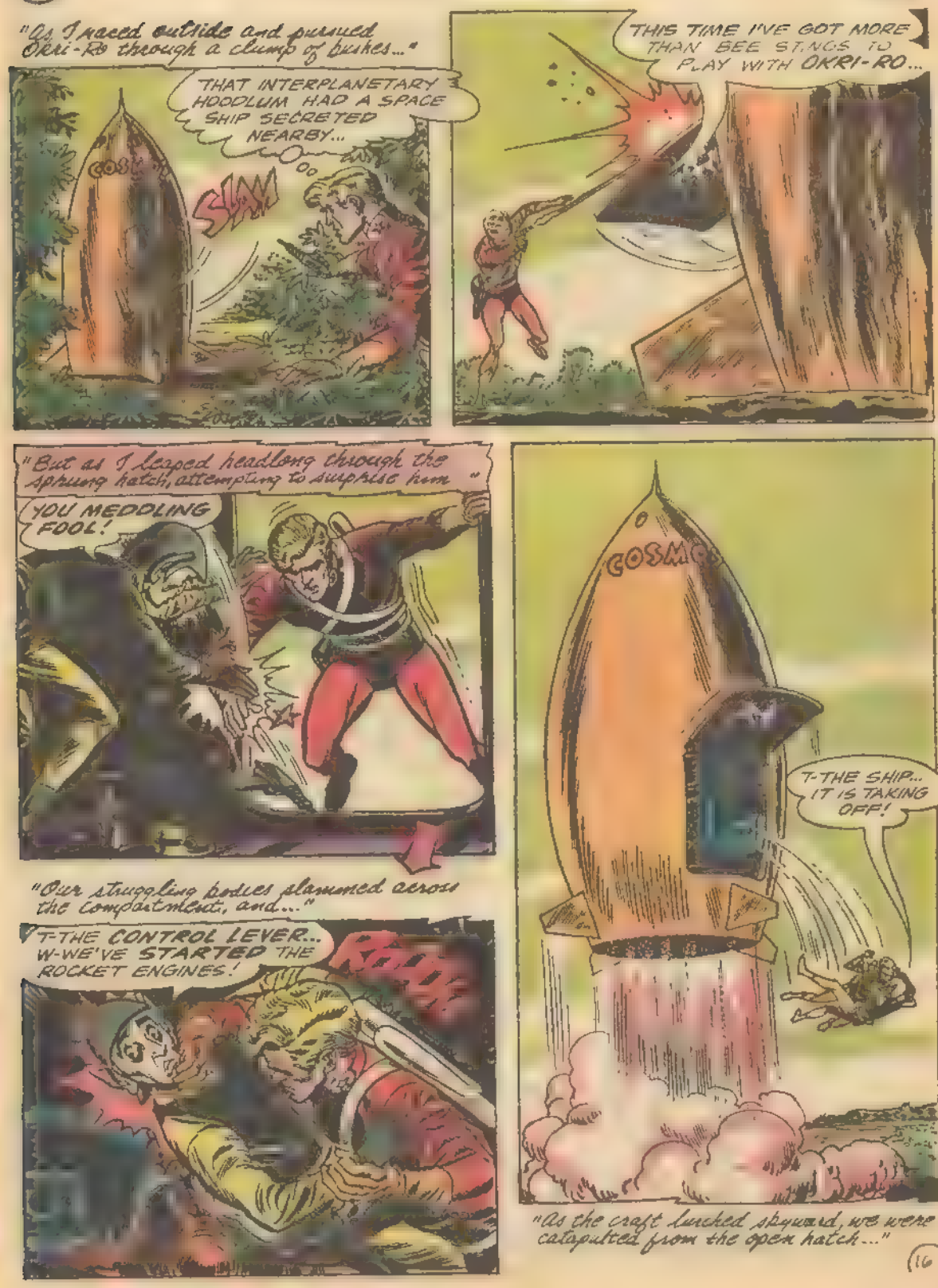
OOPS -- ANOTHER KIND OF SOUND -- AND THE DEVICE IS RUNNING OUT OF POWER! I'LL JUST RETURN WITH THE LOOT AND WAIT FOR ANOTHER DEVICE FROM THE CAVE TO BECOME ACTIVATED!
BEEP BEEP BEEP

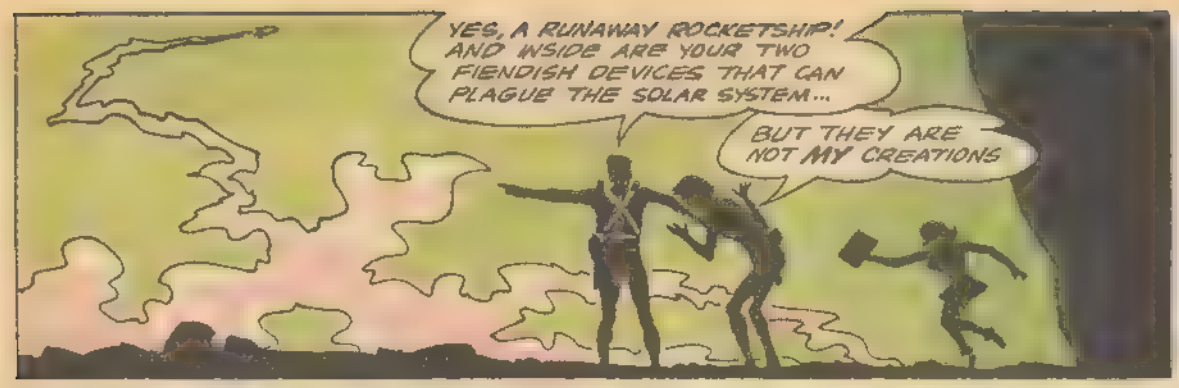
"While Okru-Ro jobbed, Alanna and I were searching the cave, and..."
ADAM -- ANOTHER DEVICE! IT'S GOING TO ACTIVATE! IT MUST BE AUTOMATIC! WHEN ONE FINISHES, ANOTHER STARTS! WHAT WILL WE DO?
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT MONSTROUS POWER THIS ONE WILL HAVE! HMMM...
WHIRR

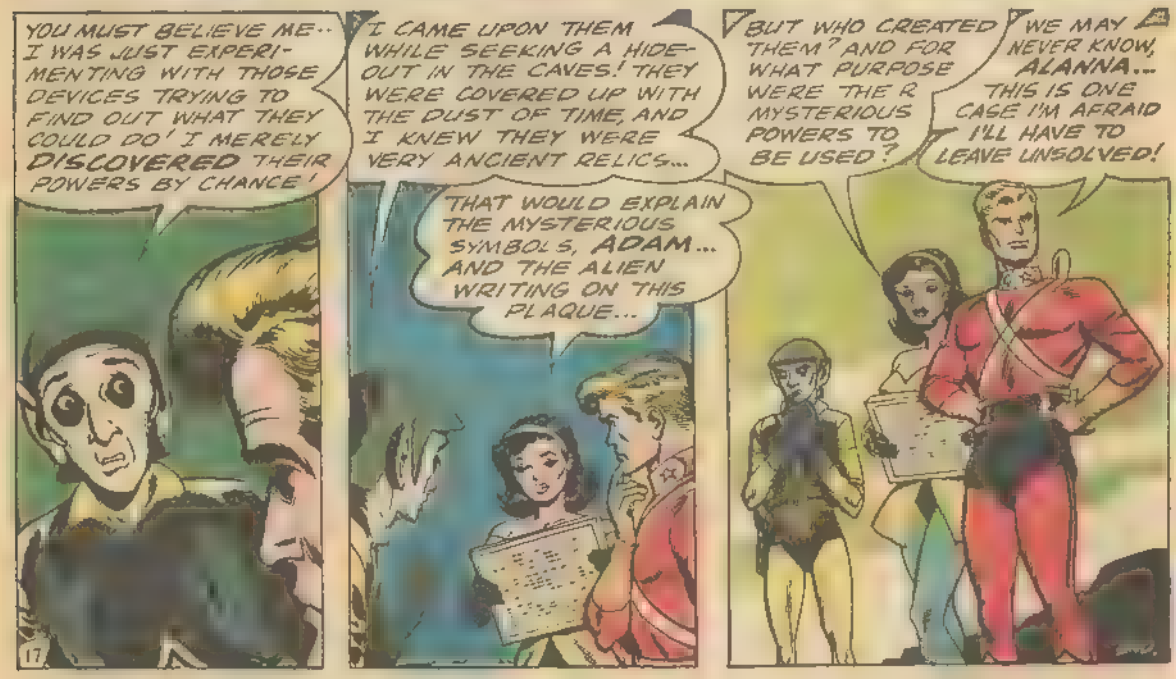
"Abruptly, I jetted up to the cave roof..."
STAND BACK, ALANNA... I HAVE AN IDEA...
A DIRECT SHOT WITH MY RAY-GUN MIGHT JUST QUICKEN THE ACTIVATION OF THAT DEVICE..
ZIP ZIP
BUT IF I CAN CRUSH IT...
WHIRR


"Desperately, I kept firing my tiny Ray-Gun at the Giant's Suit..."
"Then..."
"But at this moment..."
YOU DIMINUTIVE IDIOTS -- YOU'RE DESTROYING THE MOST POWERFUL DEVICES IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM! I SHOULD HAVE ELIMINATED YOU BEFORE!
ZIP
ZIP ZIP
LOOK OUT BELOW, ALANNA!
CRASH!
YOU DID IT, ADAM -- THE THING IS SMASHED!
"I was too tiny a target -- Okri-Ro missed again and again... I returned fire, but..."
"HA, HA! YOUR RAY-GUN BLASTS ARE LIKE THE STING OF RANAGAR BEES, LITTLE FELLOW... I'LL SOON HAVE YOU IN MY KNAPSACK OF SHRUNKEN LOOT!
ZIP
ZIP ZIP


"Suddenly as I alighted near Alanna, Okri-Ro's eyes became big as space saucers..."
U-ULP!
W-WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US, ADAM?
BECAUSE THE THIRD DEVICE WASN'T ACTIVATED, MAYBE THE POWER OF THE REDUCING GADGET HAS BEEN NEUTRALIZED! WE'RE RETURNING TO NORMAL...
TIME TO EVEN THE SCORE...


"As I raced outside and pursued Okri-Ro through a clump of bushes..."
THAT INTERPLANETARY HOODLUM HAD A SPACE SHIP SECRETED NEARBY...
COSMIC
SLAM
THIS TIME I'VE GOT MORE THAN SEE STINGS TO PLAY WITH OKRI-RO...
"But as I leaped headlong through the sphinx hatch, attempting to surprise him..."
YOU MEDDLING FOOL!
"Our struggling bodies plummeted across the compartment, and..."
T-THE CONTROL LEVER... W-WE'VE STARTED THE ROCKET ENGINES!
RRRR
COSMIC
T-THE SHIP... IT IS TAKING OFF!
"As the craft lurched skyward, we were catapulted from the open hatch..."


YES, A RUNAWAY ROCKETSHIP! AND INSIDE ARE YOUR TWO FIENDISH DEVICES THAT CAN PLAGUE THE SOLAR SYSTEM...
BUT THEY ARE NOT MY CREATIONS


YOU MUST BELIEVE ME.. I WAS JUST EXPERIMENTING WITH THOSE DEVICES TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY COULD DO! I MERELY DISCOVERED THEIR POWERS BY CHANCE!
I CAME UPON THEM WHILE SEEKING A HIDE-OUT IN THE CAVES! THEY WERE COVERED UP WITH THE DUST OF TIME AND I KNEW THEY WERE VERY ANCIENT RELICS...
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIOUS SYMBOLS, ADAM... AND THE ALIEN WRITING ON THIS PLAQUE...
BUT WHO CREATED THEM? AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE WERE THE R MYSTERIOUS POWERS TO BE USED?
WE MAY NEVER KNOW, ALANNA... THIS IS ONE CASE I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE UNSOLVED!
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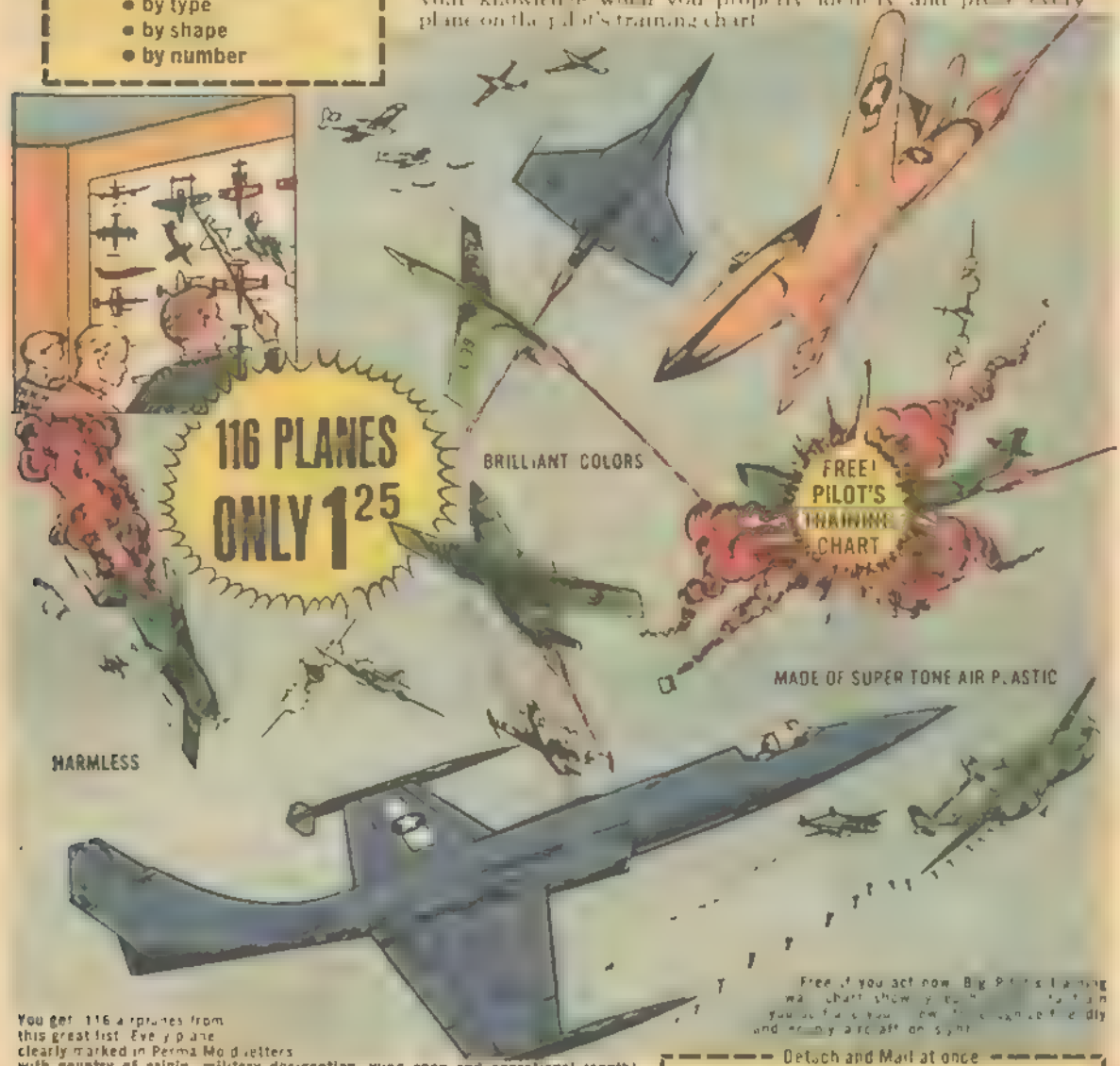

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CHAPTER 3 The FUTURE ADAM STRANGE

AS SPACE RANGER CONCLUDES READING ADAM STRANGE'S DIARY IN THE EARTH MUSEUM...

SHADES OF SATURN! THAT WRECKAGE OF THE COSMOS ON ZULCAN MUST HAVE BEEN OKRI-RO'S RUNAWAY SPACESHIP!

YES CRYLL--AND PILOT COLLINS FOUND ONE OF THE DEVICES THAT WAS ABOARD THAT CRAFT!

BUT ADAM STRANGE'S DIARY STATED THAT THERE WERE TWO DEVICES ABOARD THAT CRAFT.

THAT'S RIGHT THERE WERE FIVE DEVICES IN ALL...

EXACTLY! WHICH MEANS THAT THE FIFTH AND FINAL DEVICE MAY SOON AUTOMATICALLY ACTIVATE... IF IT WASN'T DESTROYED IN THE CRASH!

THE SOLAR KING BLASTS OFF, PIERCING THE PROTECTIVE ATMOSPHERIC SHELL OF EARTH FOR ITS DESTINATION 25 TRILLION MILES AWAY...

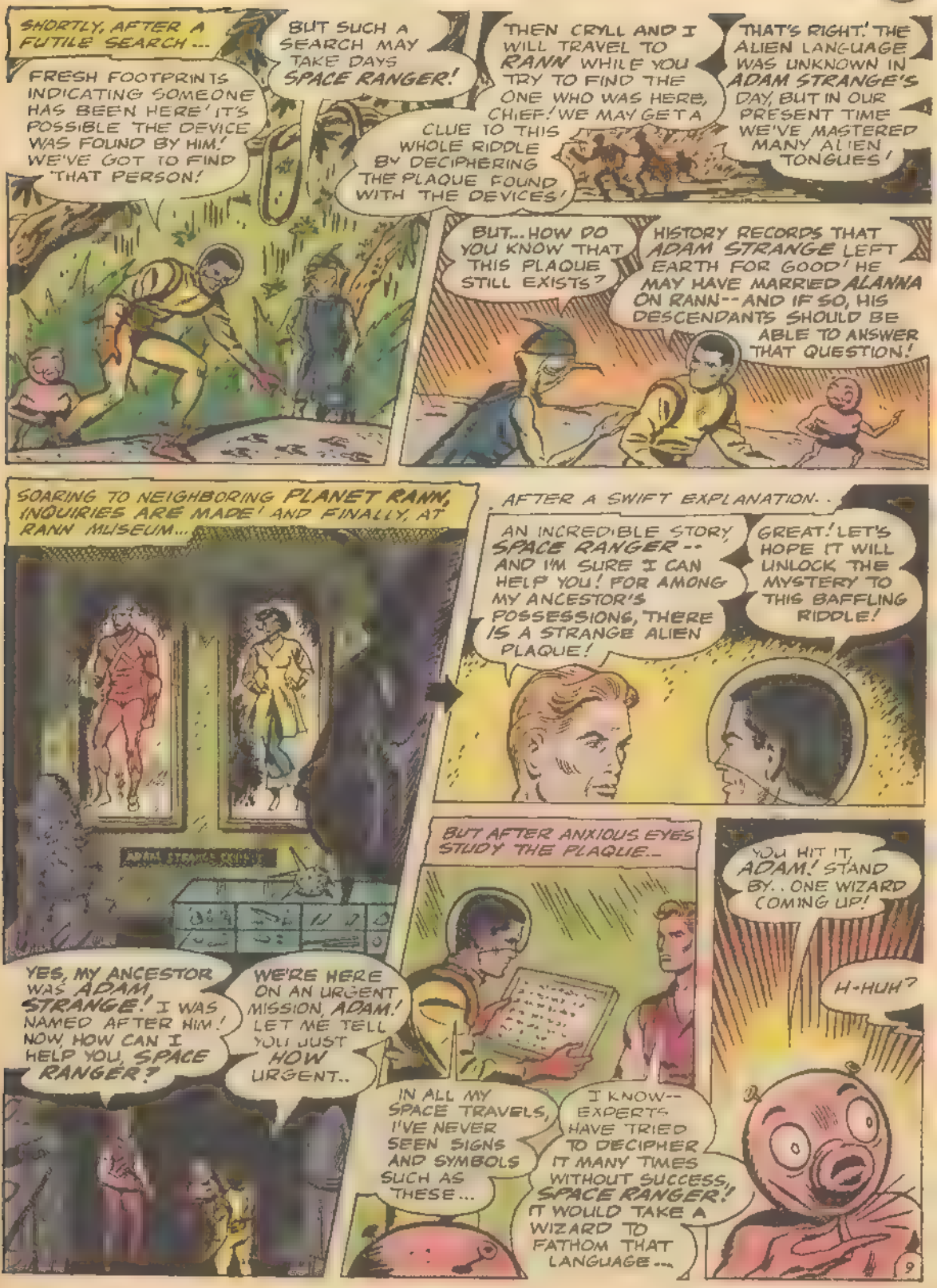
ADAM STRANGE MADE THIS TRIP IN MERE SECONDS VIA THE ZETA-BEAM, CRYLL! IT WILL TAKE US A LITTLE LONGER--EVEN WITH OUR SPACE HYPER-DRIVE POWER!

THAT COULD SPELL CATASTROPHE TO ZULCAN... WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE WRECKAGE OF THE COSMOS AND REACH THAT FIFTH DEVICE BEFORE IT ACTIVATES!

ARRIVING ON ZULCAN, SPACE RANGER CONTACTS THE AUTHORITIES, AND A SHORT TIME LATER, DEEP IN THE PLANET'S WILDS...

THIS IS THE SITE OF THE COSMOS WRECKAGE, SPACE RANGER!

THANKS, CHIEF! NOW LET'S LAUNCH AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH! WE MUST LEARN THE FATE OF THAT FIFTH ALIEN DEVICE I TOLD YOU ABOUT!


SHORTLY, AFTER A FUTILE SEARCH...
FRESH FOOTPRINTS INDICATING SOMEONE HAS BEEN HERE! IT'S POSSIBLE THE DEVICE WAS FOUND BY HIM! WE'VE GOT TO FIND THAT PERSON!
BUT SUCH A SEARCH MAY TAKE DAYS SPACE RANGER!
THEN CRYLL AND I WILL TRAVEL TO RANN WHILE YOU TRY TO FIND THE ONE WHO WAS HERE, CHIEF! WE MAY GET A CLUE TO THIS WHOLE RIDDLE BY DECIPHERING THE PLAQUE FOUND WITH THE DEVICES!
THAT'S RIGHT! THE ALIEN LANGUAGE WAS UNKNOWN IN ADAM STRANGE'S DAY, BUT IN OUR PRESENT TIME WE'VE MASTERED MANY ALIEN TONGUES!
BUT...HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT THIS PLAQUE STILL EXISTS?
HISTORY RECORDS THAT ADAM STRANGE LEFT EARTH FOR GOOD! HE MAY HAVE MARRIED ALANNA ON RANN--AND IF SO, HIS DESCENDANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION!
SOARING TO NEIGHBORING PLANET RANN, INQUIRIES ARE MADE! AND FINALLY, AT RANN MUSEUM...
ADAM STRANGE EXHIBIT
AFTER A SWIFT EXPLANATION..
AN INCREDIBLE STORY, SPACE RANGER--AND I'M SURE I CAN HELP YOU! FOR AMONG MY ANCESTOR'S POSSESSIONS, THERE IS A STRANGE ALIEN PLAQUE!
GREAT! LET'S HOPE IT WILL UNLOCK THE MYSTERY TO THIS BAFFLING RIDDLE!
YES, MY ANCESTOR WAS ADAM STRANGE! I WAS NAMED AFTER HIM! NOW, HOW CAN I HELP YOU, SPACE RANGER?
WE'RE HERE ON AN URGENT MISSION, ADAM! LET ME TELL YOU JUST HOW URGENT..
BUT AFTER ANXIOUS EYES STUDY THE PLAQUE...
IN ALL MY SPACE TRAVELS, I'VE NEVER SEEN SIGNS AND SYMBOLS SUCH AS THESE...
I KNOW--EXPERTS HAVE TRIED TO DECIPHER IT MANY TIMES WITHOUT SUCCESS, SPACE RANGER! IT WOULD TAKE A WIZARD TO FATHOM THAT LANGUAGE...
YOU HIT IT, ADAM! STAND BY..ONE WIZARD COMING UP!
H-HUH?
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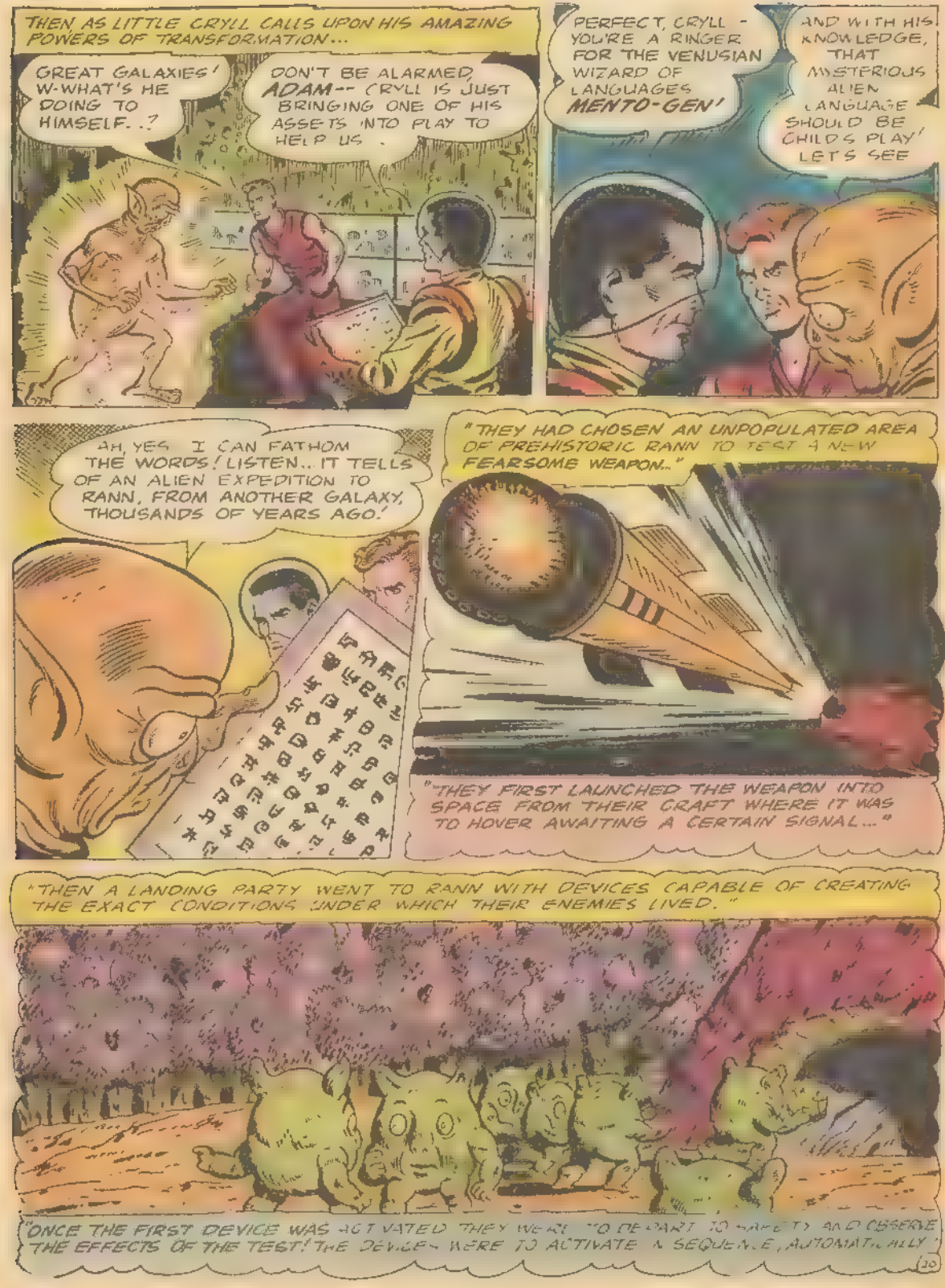
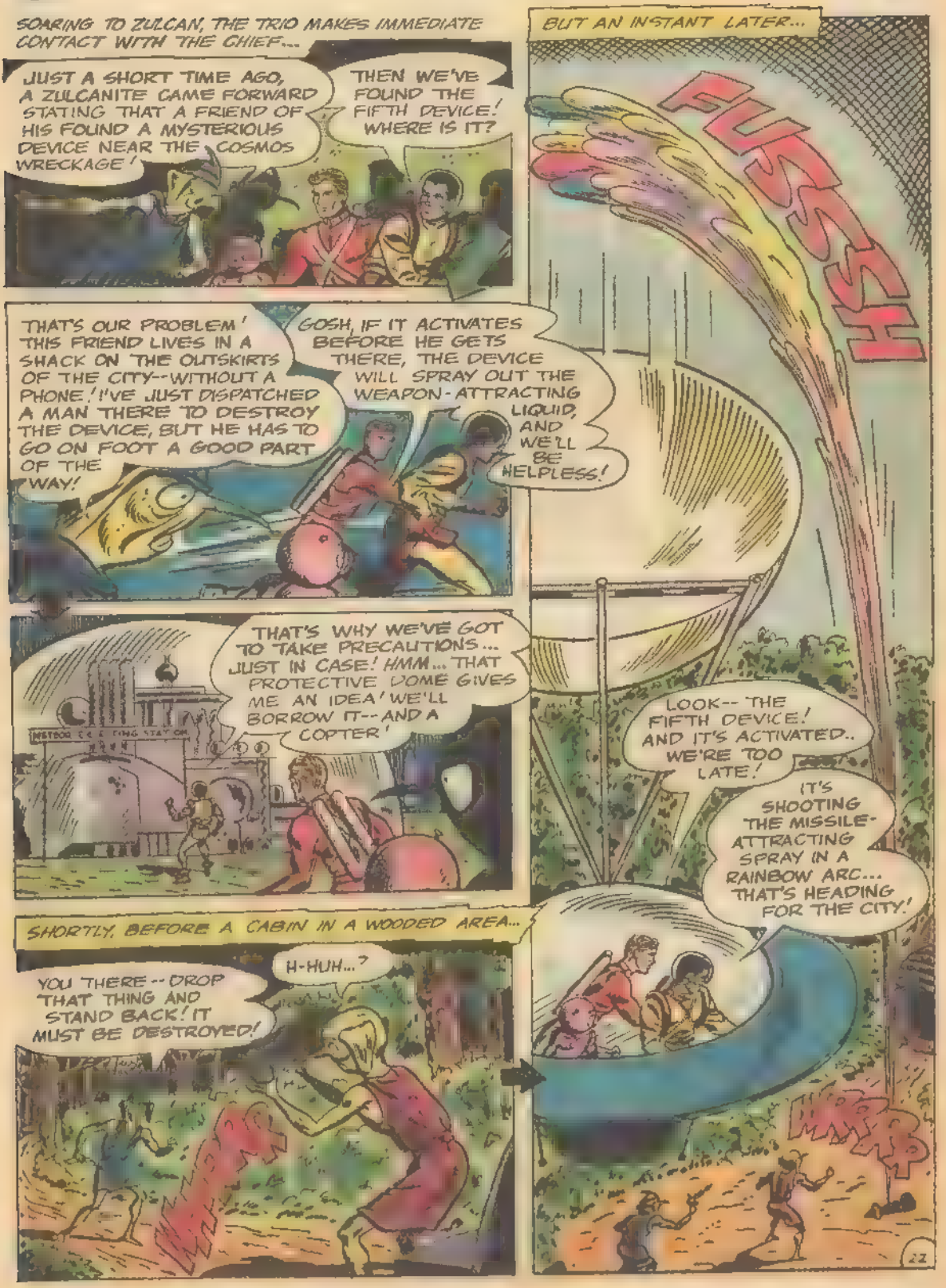

THEN AS LITTLE CRYLL CALLS UPON HIS AMAZING POWERS OF TRANSFORMATION...
GREAT GALAXIES! W-WHAT'S HE DOING TO HIMSELF..?
DON'T BE ALARMED, ADAM-- CRYLL IS JUST BRINGING ONE OF HIS ASSETS INTO PLAY TO HELP US.
PERFECT, CRYLL - YOU'RE A RINGER FOR THE VENUSIAN WIZARD OF LANGUAGES MENTO-GEN!
AND WITH HIS KNOWLEDGE, THAT MYSTERIOUS ALIEN LANGUAGE SHOULD BE CHILDS PLAY! LET'S SEE
AH, YES I CAN FATHOM THE WORDS! LISTEN.. IT TELLS OF AN ALIEN EXPEDITION TO RANN, FROM ANOTHER GALAXY, THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO.
"THEY HAD CHOSEN AN UNPOPULATED AREA OF PREHISTORIC RANN TO TEST A NEW FEARSOME WEAPON.."
"THEY FIRST LAUNCHED THE WEAPON INTO SPACE FROM THEIR CRAFT WHERE IT WAS TO HOVER AWAITING A CERTAIN SIGNAL..."
"THEN A LANDING PARTY WENT TO RANN WITH DEVICES CAPABLE OF CREATING THE EXACT CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEIR ENEMIES LIVED."
"ONCE THE FIRST DEVICE WAS ACTIVATED THEY WERE TO DEPART TO SAFETY AND OBSERVE THE EFFECTS OF THE TEST! THE DEVICES WERE TO ACTIVATE A SEQUENCE, AUTOMATICALLY"

THE SIGNAL TO ATTRACT THE ALIEN TEST WEAPON WAS THE FIFTH AND LAST DEVICE WHICH WOULD SATURATE THE AREA WITH A SPECIAL LIQUID DYE
EVERYTHING MAKES GRIM SENSE NOW! SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO THE ALIEN PARTY BEFORE THEY COULD ACTIVATE THE FIRST DEVICE...
BUT OKRI-RO DID THAT WHEN HE EXPERIMENTED WITH THE FIRST DEVICE, AND THE WHIRLING BLADE MATERIALIZED!
AND THAT ACTIVATED THE REDUCING DEVICE WHICH WAS TO MINIATURIZE OBSTRUCTIONS--BUT APPARENTLY WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH FOR TALL TREES! SO THE BLADE DEVICE WAS USED FIRST TO CUT THEM DOWN TO MANAGEABLE SIZE!
BUT WE'LL NEVER KNOW THE PURPOSE OF THE THIRD DEVICE--MY ANCESTOR DESTROYED THAT WHEN HE WAS TINY IN THE CAVE!
IT DOESN'T MATTER, ADAM! THAT STOPPED THE CHAIN REACTION, BUT IT WAS TRIGGERED AGAIN WHEN PILOT COLLINS' FRIEND ACTIVATED THE FOURTH DEVICE ON JUPITER, CREATING THOSE STRANGE BEINGS...
NOW THE STAGE IS SET FOR THE FINAL STEP IN THE PREPARATION - THE ACTUAL ACTIVATION OF THE MYSTERY WEAPON TO HIT THE TARGET!
I GET IT - THAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THE FIFTH DEVICE GOES OFF! GOSH, THAT COULD HAPPEN AUTOMATICALLY AT ANY MOMENT IF IT STILL EXISTS!
OF COURSE, ADAM--YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE IN ON IT!
I'LL BE WITH YOU IN SECONDS.. JUST AS SOON AS I SLIP INTO MY ANCESTOR'S OUTFIT!
ADAM STRANGE COSTUME
EXACTLY! THAT'S WHY WE MUST GO TO ZULCAN AGAIN AND LEARN THE FATE OF THAT FIFTH DEVICE.. BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
SPACE RANGER... PLEASE LET ME JOIN YOU! MY ANCESTOR, ADAM STRANGE, SOLVED PART OF THIS RIDDLE I'D LIKE TO COMPLETE THE CASE FOR HIM!


SOARING TO ZULCAN, THE TRIO MAKES IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH THE CHIEF...
JUST A SHORT TIME AGO, A ZULCANITE CAME FORWARD STATING THAT A FRIEND OF HIS FOUND A MYSTERIOUS DEVICE NEAR THE COSMOS WRECKAGE!
THEN WE'VE FOUND THE FIFTH DEVICE! WHERE IS IT?
THAT'S OUR PROBLEM! THIS FRIEND LIVES IN A SHACK ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY--WITHOUT A PHONE! I'VE JUST DISPATCHED A MAN THERE TO DESTROY THE DEVICE, BUT HE HAS TO GO ON FOOT A GOOD PART OF THE WAY!
GOSH, IF IT ACTIVATES BEFORE HE GETS THERE, THE DEVICE WILL SPRAY OUT THE WEAPON-ATTRACTING LIQUID, AND WE'LL BE HELPLESS!
THAT'S WHY WE'VE GOT TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS... JUST IN CASE! HMM... THAT PROTECTIVE DOME GIVES ME AN IDEA! WE'LL BORROW IT--AND A COPTER!
SHORTLY, BEFORE A CABIN IN A WOODED AREA...
YOU THERE--DROP THAT THING AND STAND BACK! IT MUST BE DESTROYED!
H-HUH...?
BUT AN INSTANT LATER...
FUSSSH
LOOK--THE FIFTH DEVICE! AND IT'S ACTIVATED.. WE'RE TOO LATE!
IT'S SHOOTING THE MISSILE-ATTRACTING SPRAY IN A RAINBOW ARC... THAT'S HEADING FOR THE CITY!
HARP
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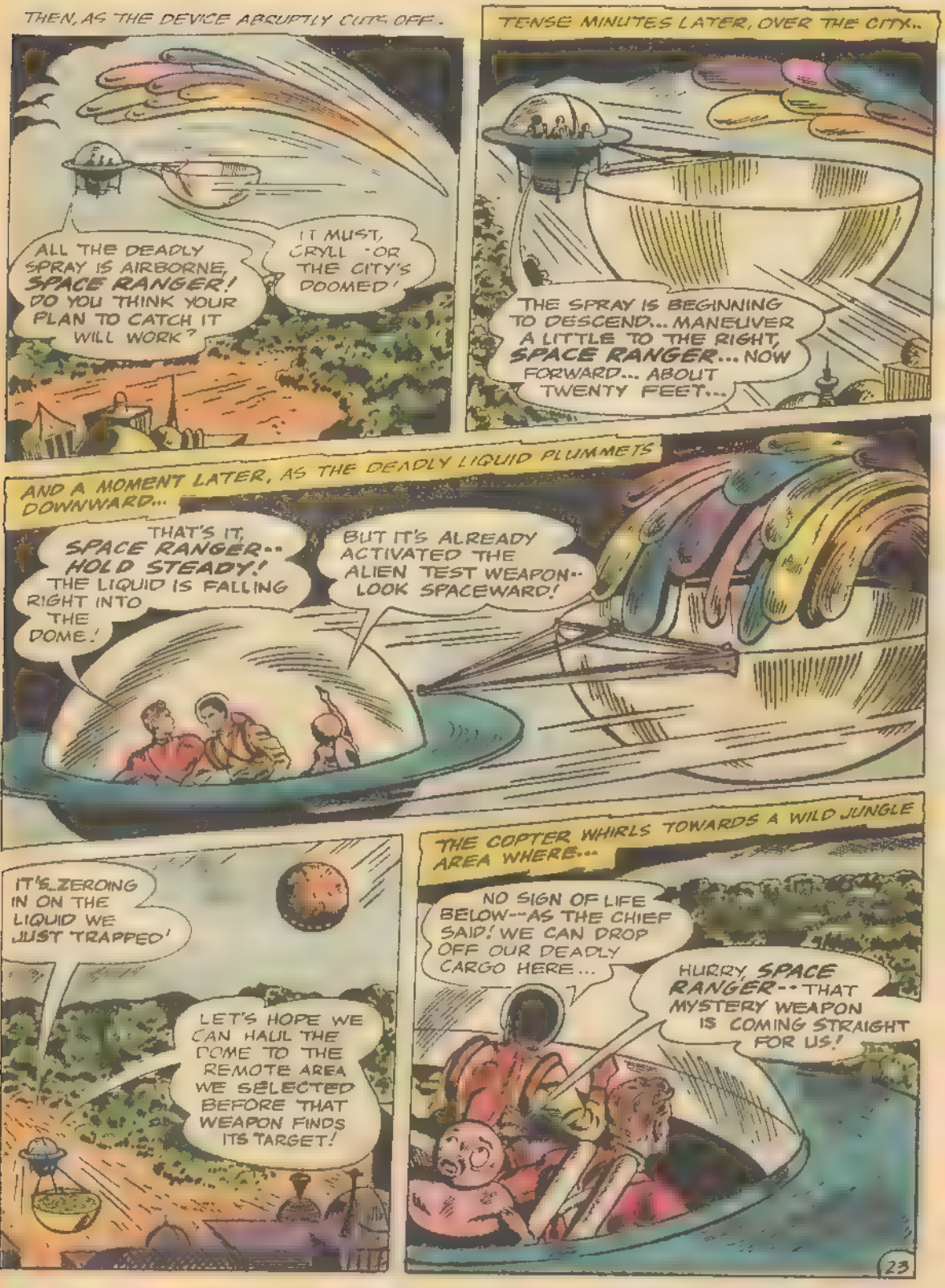
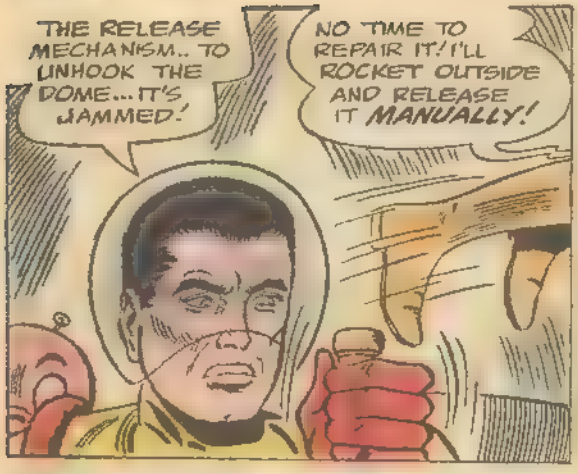
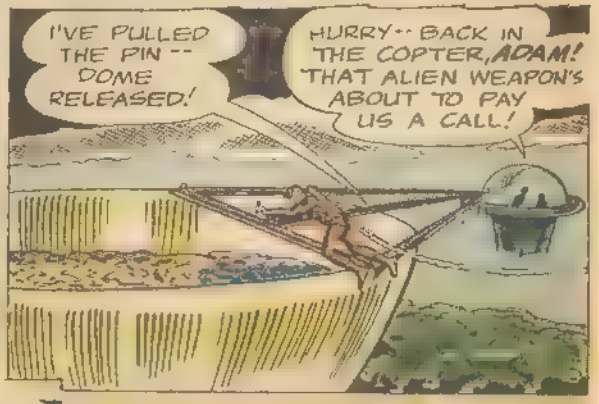
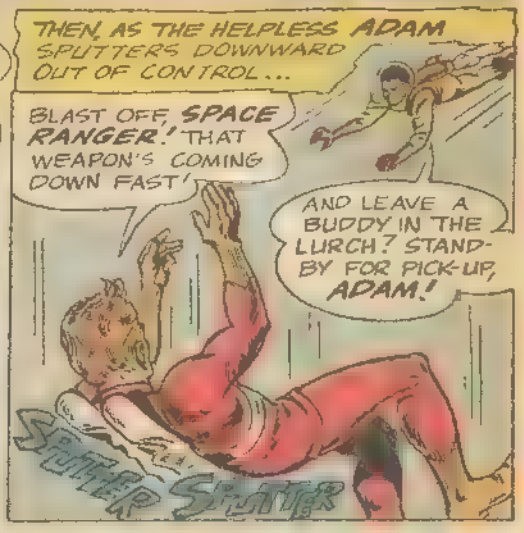

THEN, AS THE DEVICE ABRUPTLY CUTS OFF..
ALL THE DEADLY SPRAY IS AIRBORNE, SPACE RANGER! DO YOU THINK YOUR PLAN TO CATCH IT WILL WORK?
IT MUST, CRYLL -OR THE CITY'S DOOMED!
TENSE MINUTES LATER, OVER THE CITY..
THE SPRAY IS BEGINNING TO DESCEND... MANEUVER A LITTLE TO THE RIGHT, SPACE RANGER... NOW FORWARD... ABOUT TWENTY FEET...
AND A MOMENT LATER, AS THE DEADLY LIQUID PLUMMETS DOWNWARD...
THAT'S IT, SPACE RANGER-- HOLD STEADY! THE LIQUID IS FALLING RIGHT INTO THE DOME!
BUT IT'S ALREADY ACTIVATED THE ALIEN TEST WEAPON-- LOOK SPACEWARD!
IT'S ZEROING IN ON THE LIQUID WE JUST TRAPPED!
LET'S HOPE WE CAN HAUL THE DOME TO THE REMOTE AREA WE SELECTED BEFORE THAT WEAPON FINDS ITS TARGET!
THE COPTER WHIRLS TOWARDS A WILD JUNGLE AREA WHERE...
NO SIGN OF LIFE BELOW--AS THE CHIEF SAID! WE CAN DROP OFF OUR DEADLY CARGO HERE...
HURRY, SPACE RANGER--THAT MYSTERY WEAPON IS COMING STRAIGHT FOR US!

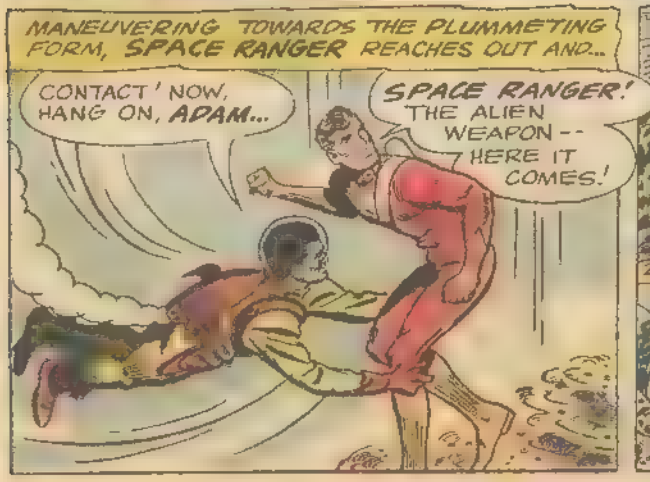


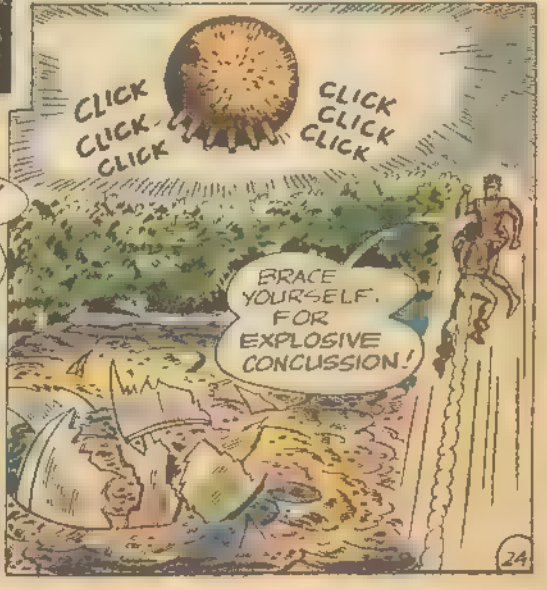
SHOWING THE COURAGE OF HIS ANCESTOR, THE FUTURE **ADAM STRANGE** ROCKETS TOWARD THE DOME, AND...



THEN, SUDDENLY..
THE METAL FRAME IT'S SWUNG UP INTO ADAM AND HIT HIS ROCKETS! THEY'RE NOT WORKING...
GOOD THING WE WORE OUR UNI-JETS, CRYLL - IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY!.. TAKE OVER -- AND GET OUT OF THE AREA!


THEN, AS THE HELPLESS ADAM SPUTTERS DOWNWARD OUT OF CONTROL...
BLAST OFF, SPACE RANGER! THAT WEAPON'S COMING DOWN FAST!
AND LEAVE A BUDDY IN THE LURCH? STAND-BY FOR PICK-UP, ADAM!
SPUTTER SPUTTER


MANEUVERING TOWARDS THE PLUMMETING FORM, SPACE RANGER REACHES OUT AND...
CONTACT! NOW, HANG ON, ADAM...
SPACE RANGER! THE ALIEN WEAPON -- HERE IT COMES!



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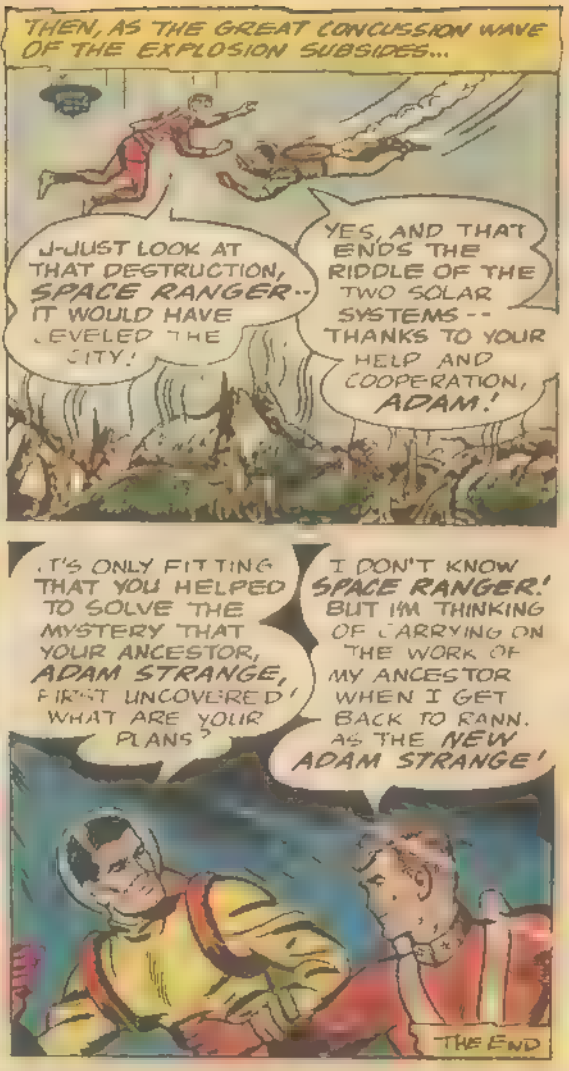
THEN, AS THE GREAT CONCUSSION WAVE OF THE EXPLOSION SUBSIDES...
J-JUST LOOK AT THAT DESTRUCTION, SPACE RANGER-- IT WOULD HAVE LEVELED THE CITY!
YES, AND THAT ENDS THE RIDDLE OF THE TWO SOLAR SYSTEMS -- THANKS TO YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION, ADAM!
IT'S ONLY FITTING THAT YOU HELPED TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY THAT YOUR ANCESTOR, ADAM STRANGE, FIRST UNCOVERED! WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?
I DON'T KNOW SPACE RANGER! BUT I'M THINKING OF CARRYING ON THE WORK OF MY ANCESTOR WHEN I GET BACK TO RANN. AS THE NEW ADAM STRANGE!
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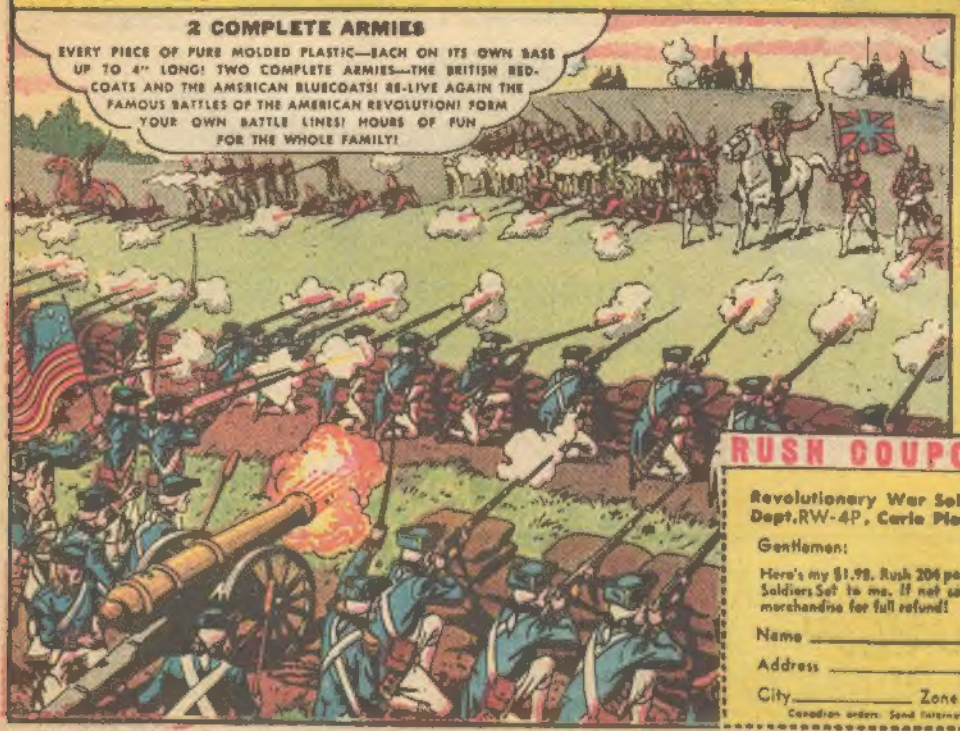

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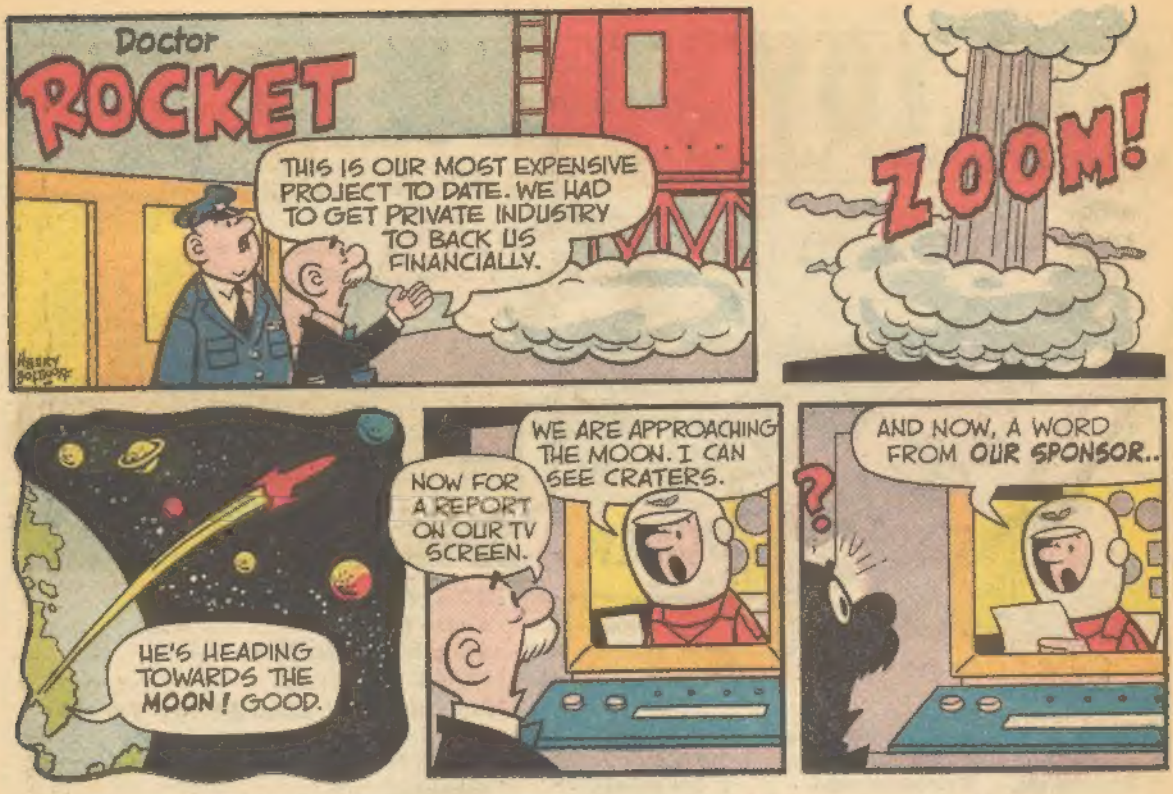
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